

coin, to create a new bulletin coin (rollcall 624); on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3422, the Small Public Housing Authority Act (rollcall 625). Had I been present, I would have vote "yea" on all 3 measures.

HONORING LUCY POPSON

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Lucy Popson, an outstanding teacher in our community. Mrs. Popson is the proud recipient of the Arizona Teacher of the Year Award for 2005.

The Teacher of the Year Award honors teachers that are not only exemplary in the classroom, but teachers that are involved in the community as well. Nominated teachers are identified as leaders by parents, students, and co-workers. They gain the admiration of everyone they work with, and their efforts on behalf of education are notable.

Lucy Popson exceeds these criteria. She is dedicated to her students and to her community, teaching at Walter Douglass Elementary school for 23 years, and third-grade for the past 11 years.

Mrs. Popson always makes sure her students are learning and she strives to make every student understand the material. She is a teacher that understands the different needs of students, teaching material in multiple styles to ensure that no student is left out in the learning process. Mrs. Popson strives to make her lessons fun and interesting. She is proud of her students and has a superior ability to help all her students achieve.

When Mrs. Popson was asked about her feelings upon receipt of the award, she stated, "This is a team effort . . . Teaching is not one person. It's a bunch of people working together." She brought this statement to life when she dedicated her award to all those who help her in the Plowing Wells School District.

Teaching is a talent that few possess and even fewer choose to pursue as a career. All teachers in our community need to be recognized for their enormous efforts to enrich the lives of children. It is teachers such as Lucy Popson who deserve awards for their daily achievement of helping students.

I honor Lucy Popson for her generosity, kindness, and compassion and thank her for committing herself to the profession of teaching.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, yesterday, and part of today. As a result I missed several votes. Had I been able to vote I would have voted in support of H. Res. 487, S. 1047, H. Res. 594, for the motion to recommit H.R. 3199, and against final passage of H.R. 3199. I would have voted against H.R. 3010.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S RED REBEL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 3 of this year, the Maryville High School Red Rebel football team finished its season with an undefeated record of 15-0 as it became the 2005 Class 4A State champions. The Red Rebels defeated Melrose High School of Memphis, 23-10 at this year's championship game in Murfreesboro, TN. This victory gave Maryville its second straight State championship, its fifth championship in the past 6 years and its ninth Football State Championship overall.

At the beginning of the 2005 season, Maryville Coach George Quarles stated that it was his goal for each senior class to win a State championship. This particular senior class has not only achieved this goal set by Coach Quarles but they exceeded it. This group of seniors will leave Maryville High School having won three State Championships, completed each of its regular seasons undefeated and achieved an outstanding record of 58 wins to only 1 defeat. The Red Rebels became the first team in 10 years to finish consecutive seasons with an unblemished record.

I am proud of the Maryville Red Rebel football program as it has become a perennial powerhouse under Coach Quarles. Year in and year out, Coach Quarles has produced winners on and off the football field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Head Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School Red Rebel football team for their glorious victory. I also include the following news article printed in the Knoxville News Sentinel. The team's leadership, strength, and determination should be recognized by all, and their sportsmanship and dedication are at a level that should be followed by every high school team in this country.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Dec. 11, 2005]

MARYVILLE, ALCOA HONORED FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By Brad Gaskins)

MARYVILLE.—John Reid and George Quarles know good high school football programs when they see 'em. Reid of Alcoa and Quarles of Maryville both won second consecutive state championships last weekend.

Their programs shared the stage in celebration Saturday morning at the amphitheater downtown, on what was proclaimed "Maryville Rebels and Alcoa Tornadoes Day" by the mayors of the respective cities.

The respect between the Blount County programs is more than mere chivalry.

"You think of Alcoa-Maryville, you think of enemies, or rivals," Quarles said. "And it certainly wasn't like that today. Both schools have a healthy amount of respect for one another."

"In their case," Reid said of Maryville, "good coaching is going on. We discuss things back and forth. Both staffs are dedicated to being good football teams."

Both proved how good last weekend in Murfreesboro. Maryville beat Memphis Melrose 23-10 in the Class 4A title game. In 2A, Alcoa beat Goodpasture 55-13.

Maryville mayor Joe Swann had a "unique" situation on his hands.

"A lot of people celebrate a state championship," Swann said. "These kids get a chance to celebrate together."

"They've both accomplished something that's really remarkable. It'll make for a lot of good conversations over the years between these boys as the grow up in this community."

It's that community, Alcoa senior running back and University of Tennessee commitment Dustin Lindsey said, that made all this possible.

"It's not only coaches and players, it's people in general," he said. "We've got a wonderful community that's backing us up, and people that love each other."

The community wasn't cheering the night of Nov. 29, 2003. Both teams were eliminated from the playoffs in semifinal losses.

Since then, neither team has lost to a team outside Blount County. Maryville went undefeated and handed Alcoa its only two losses. Combined record: 58-2.

"I think that says about all you need to say about it," Quarles said. "There's good football in Blount County."

"In this size of a county," Reid said, "to be carrying around four state championship balls is unbelievable."

Three years ago, Reid became Alcoa's coach, wondering if the Tornadoes would ever win a game. They've lost just six.

"How lucky can you get?" Reid asked aloud. "And that's part of it."

"It seems so incredible that 365 days have gone by this fast," Reid said of last year's celebration. "It's a tremendous amount of work to get here, and I think that's one of the things that gets overlooked at times."

Alcoa was expected to win it all this year. Maryville was not, but still won its fifth title in 6 years. What was most fulfilling?

"The fact that a lot of people didn't give us much chance," Quarles said. "We lost so many players from last year's team, but these kids refused to listen to other people."

"They wanted to make sure that they gave themselves every opportunity to hopefully win a state championship."

Thirty minutes after the ceremony, Quarles was fielding his last question from reporters. He waved at a passing jogger where the crowd had stood, and offered one last pep talk to players of both teams:

"If you've watched the movie 'Friday Night Lights,' you see people who live in the past, where the greatest thing that ever happened to them was a state championship," he said. "I don't want this to be the best thing that ever happens to these kids. I want them to take what they've learned in football and be successful in life."

"Be a good dad, a good husband, a leader in the community—all those things. Don't let this be the high water mark. A lot of people live in the past. That's a mistake."

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E. FISCHELL

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Dr. Robert E. Fischell, a mechanical engineer, biomedical engineer, inventor, physicist, researcher and teacher. Robert Fischell is one of the brightest, most accomplished people I have ever met.

Let me tell you a little bit about his career. After graduating cum laude from Duke University in 1951 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Bob earned a Masters degree in